

REMARKS

A. Introduction

In the March 16, 2010 Office Action, ten species were identified and a requirement was made that Applicant elect one single species.

In response to this Office Action, the written description and Abstract have been amended to a minor extent and claims 1-3, 9, 11-14, 16 and 18 are amended, an election is made and remarks are provided.

B. Election

Applicant elects species 2 and amended claims 1-18 are believed to read on this species.

C. Claim Amendments

The sole independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other things:

... a seal part is formed by placing an easily peelable tape including an easily peelable side having an easily peelable property on one side thereof and a high strength-adhesive side on an opposite side of the easily peelable side throughout a width direction of the bag parallel to the fold-in part within the fold-in part thereby to heat-seal the easily peelable side of the easily peelable tape positioned to the inner sheet side of the fold-in part...

Support for this amended claims can be found in claim 2 as filed and the written description related to Species 2, as described at, e.g., page 16, line 24 to page 20, line 34 and Figs. 6-8.

D. Distinctions Over the Cited Prior Art

Amended claim 1 herein distinguishes over the cited Japanese Reference No. 2001-270569 for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 amended herein recites, among other things:

...a fold-in part, with facing an inner sheet part and an outer sheet part each other by bending the main body film of the front side into Z shape, is formed in a front side of the main body film in the vicinity of the bottom seal part across an entire bag width parallel to said bottom seal part...

The Japanese Reference lacks any such "Z shape" fold-in part.

Further, amended claim 1 recites the above-quoted seal part which is neither disclosed or taught by this Japanese Reference.

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1-18 are in condition for allowance.

If there are any issues that the Examiner believes could be attended to by telephone, please call the undersigned at the below indicated number.

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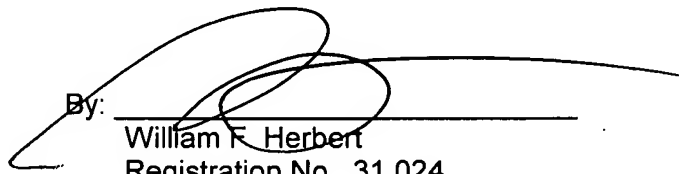
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